



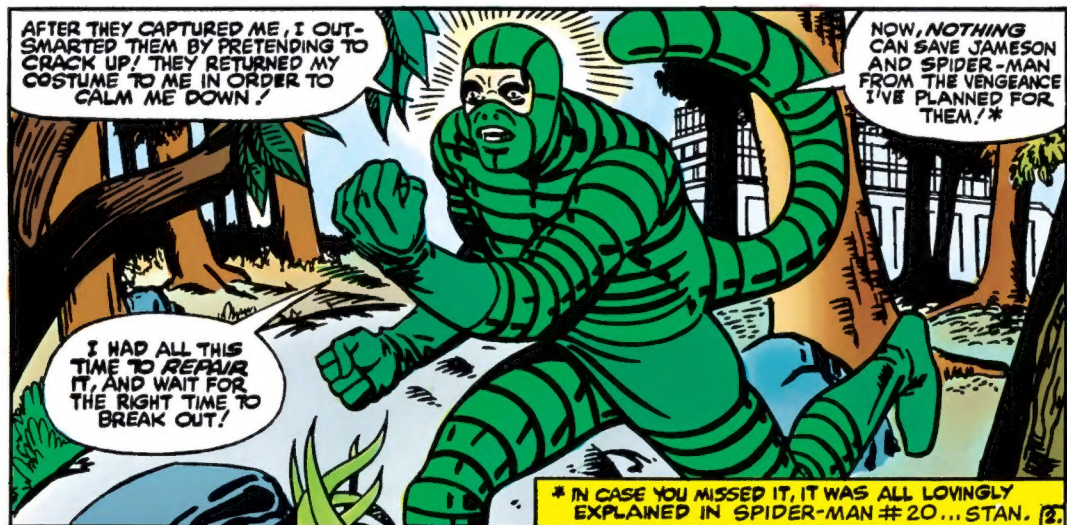
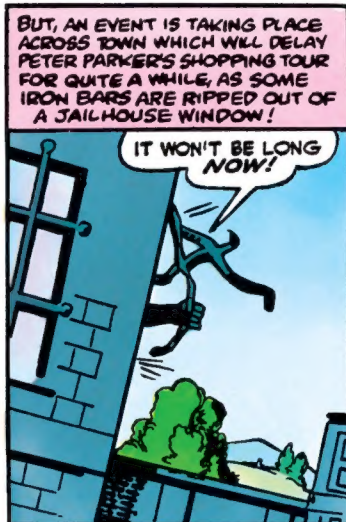
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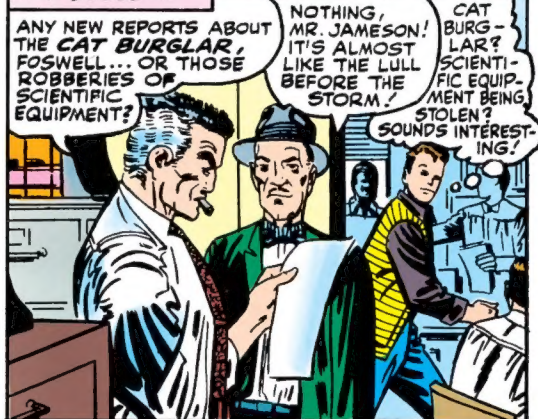
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WHATEVER YOU DO... WHEREVER YOU GO...
"NEVER STEP ON A SCORPION!"

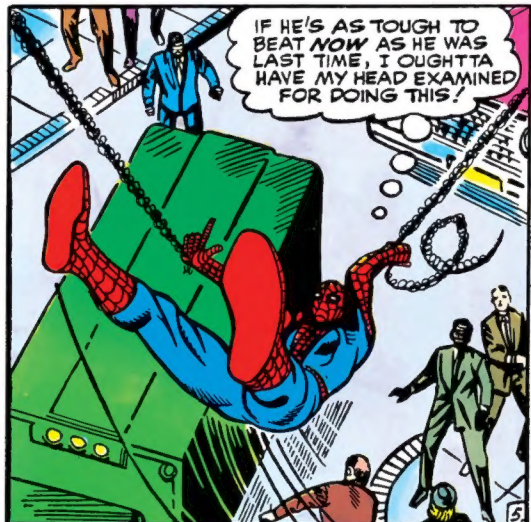
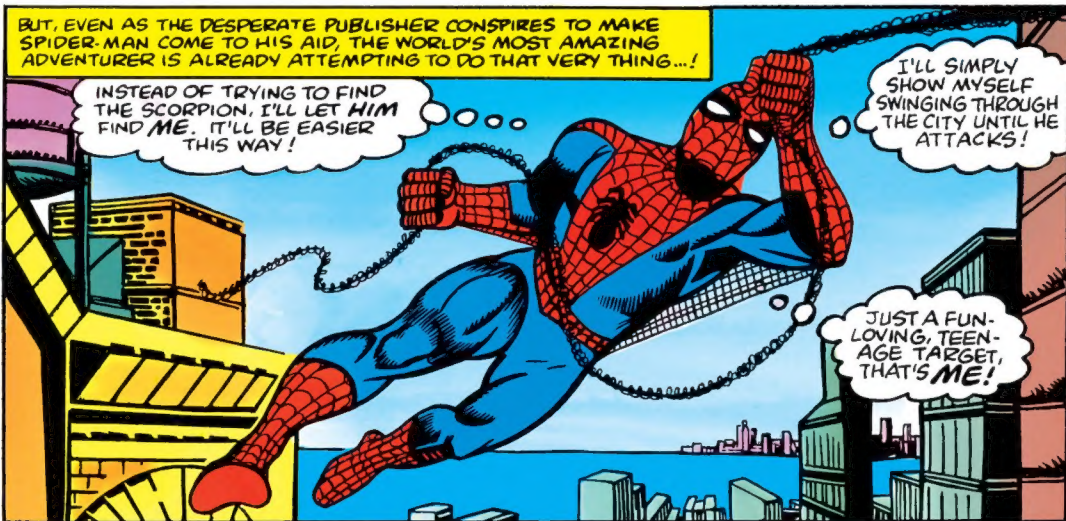


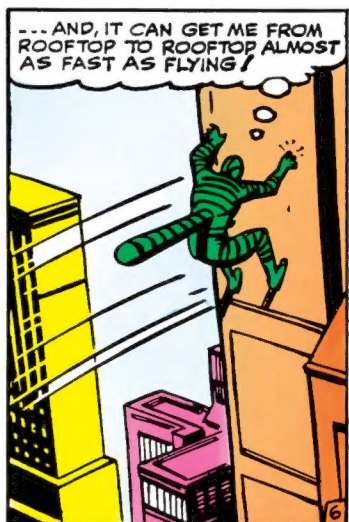
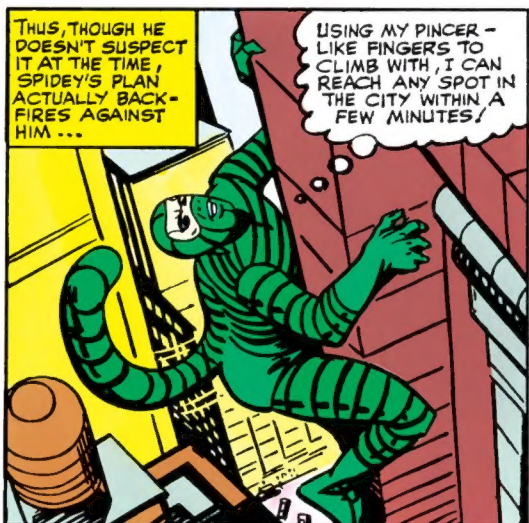
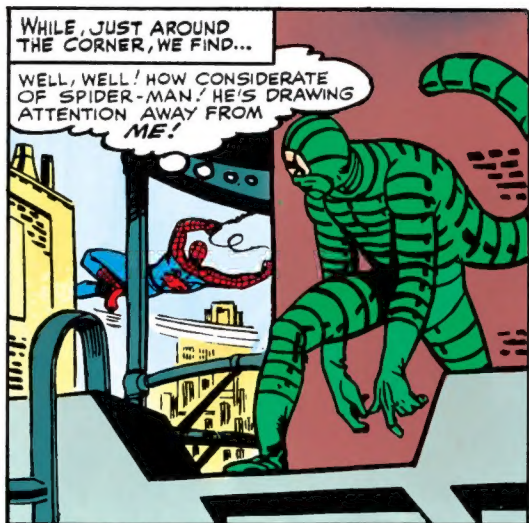


MEANWHILE, UNAWARE THAT ONE OF THE STRONGEST, MOST DANGEROUS MENACES OF ALL TIME IS HEADING HIS WAY, J. JONAH JAMESON GOES ABOUT HIS BUSINESS AS PUBLISHER OF THE FAMOUS N.Y. BUGLE...









EVEN AS THE SCORPION GETS CLOSER TO HIS INTENDED VICTIM, JONAH JAMESON'S EXTRA EDITION HITS THE STREET WITH SCREAMING HEADLINES ...!

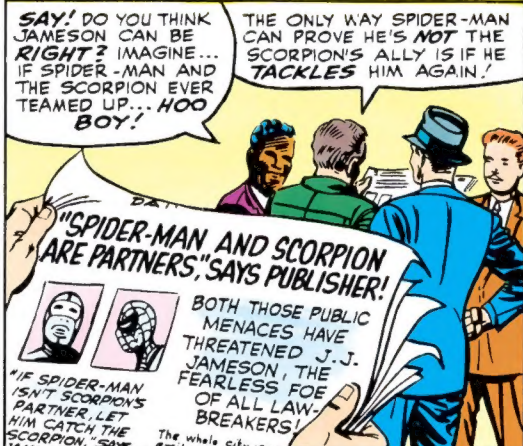
SAY! DO YOU THINK JAMESON CAN BE RIGHT? IMAGINE... IF SPIDER-MAN AND THE SCORPION EVER TEAMED UP... HOO BOY!

THE ONLY WAY SPIDER-MAN CAN PROVE HE'S NOT THE SCORPION'S ALLY IS IF HE TACKLES HIM AGAIN!

"SPIDER-MAN AND SCORPION ARE PARTNERS," SAYS PUBLISHER!

BOTH THOSE PUBLIC MENACES HAVE THREATENED J.J. JAMESON, THE FEARLESS FOE OF ALL LAW-BREAKERS!

"IF SPIDER-MAN ISN'T SCORPION'S PARTNER, LET HIM CATCH THE SCORPION," SAYS THE WHOLE CITY...



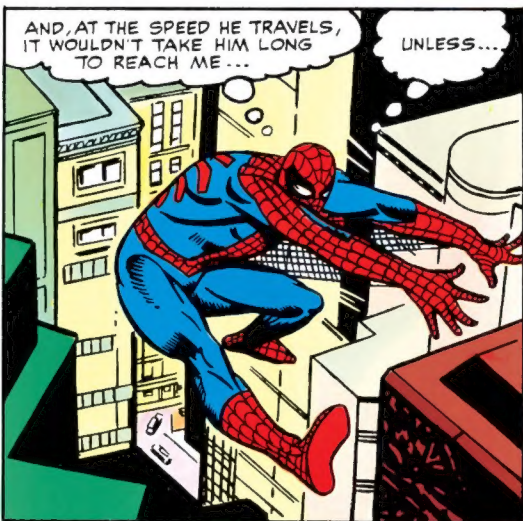
BUT HIGH ABOVE THE NEWS-READING PUBLIC, THE NEWS-MAKING ADVENTURER BEGINS TO GROW RESTLESS ...!

I DON'T LIKE IT! HE SHOULD HAVE COME AFTER ME BY NOW! I KNOW HE'S NOT AFRAID!



AND, AT THE SPEED HE TRAVELS, IT WOULDN'T TAKE HIM LONG TO REACH ME ...

UNLESS ...



WAIT A MINUTE! I COULD JUST BE THE PRIZE CHUMP OF THE YEAR!



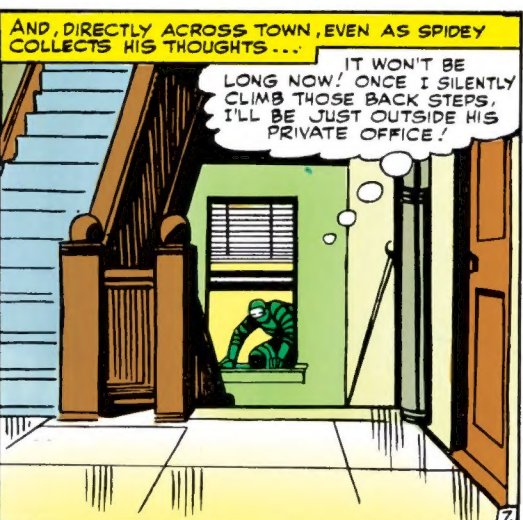
I MIGHT BE PLAYING RIGHT INTO SCORPY'S HANDS!!

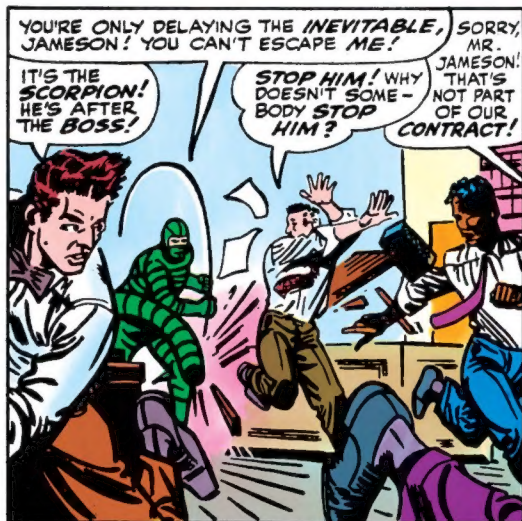
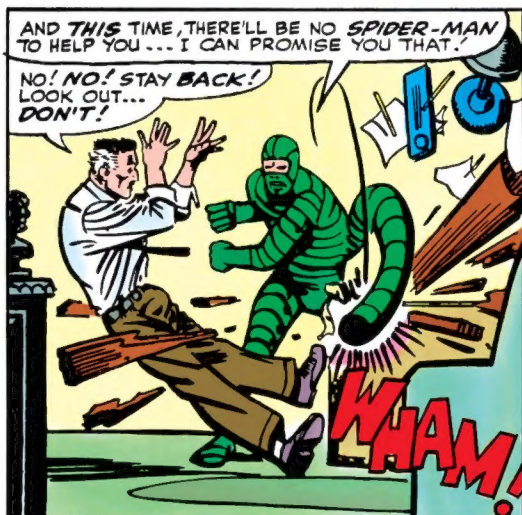
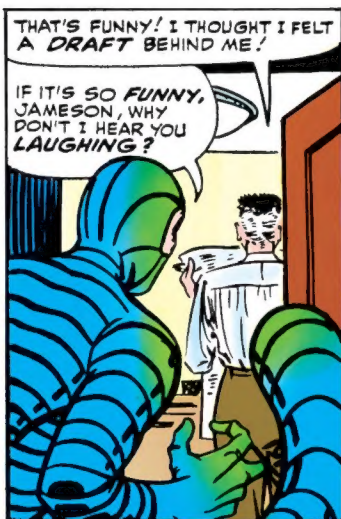
WHILE I'M WALTZING AROUND UP HERE, JAMESON IS ALONE AT HIS OFFICE ... AND THE SCORPION PROBABLY KNOWS IT!



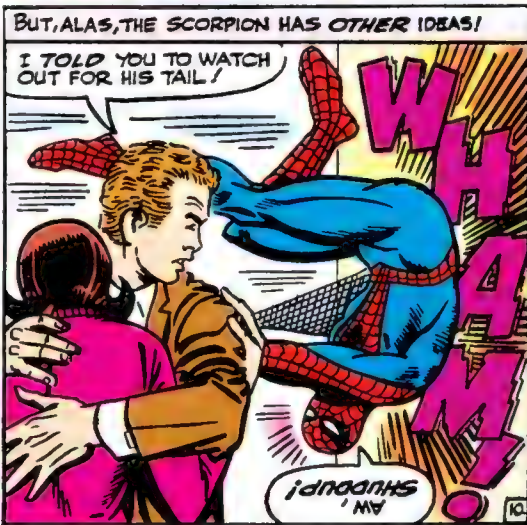
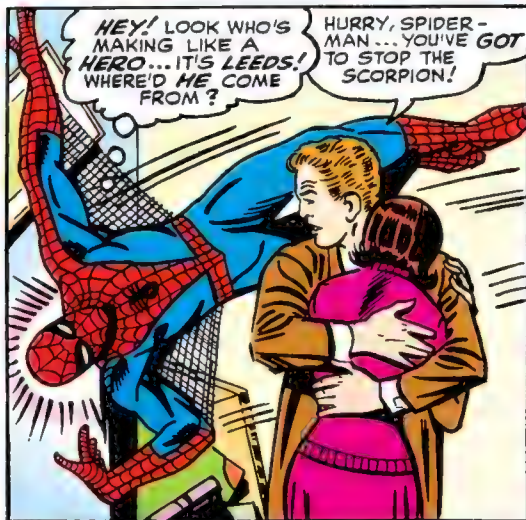
AND, DIRECTLY ACROSS TOWN, EVEN AS SPIDEY COLLECTS HIS THOUGHTS ...

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW! ONCE I SILENTLY CLIMB THOSE BACK STEPS, I'LL BE JUST OUTSIDE HIS PRIVATE OFFICE!

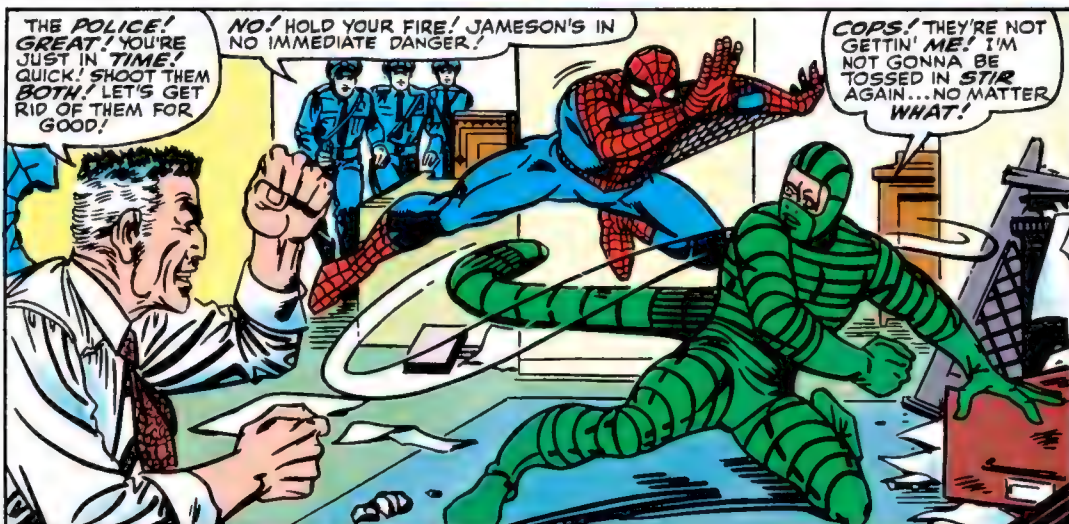












SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE POLICE HAVE GONE...

IT'LL COST ME AN ARM AND A LEG TO GET THIS PLACE BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! HALF OF MY FURNITURE IS BROKEN UP... AND THE OTHER HALF IS CRACKED AND SCARRED!

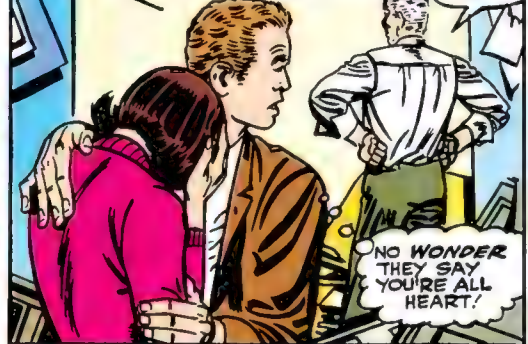
NOBODY HAS TO KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET RID OF THIS OLD JUNK FOR YEARS! NOW THE INSURANCE WILL PAY FOR A WHOLE NEW SET-UP!



MR. JAMESON, BETTY IS PRETTY SHAKEN-UP OVER WHAT'S HAPPENED. I THINK I'D BETTER SEE HER HOME!

OF COURSE! I WOULDN'T EXPECT HER TO KEEP WORKING AFTER WHAT HAPPENED! SHE CAN HAVE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF!

I'LL JUST DEDUCT IT FROM HER PAY CHECK AT THE END OF THE WEEK!



C'MON, BETTY...EVERYTHING'S OKAY NOW! IT'S ALL OVER! THE SCORPION AND SPIDER-MAN ARE GONE NOW!

WHAT ARE YOU ALL STANDING AROUND FOR? GET TO WORK! GET TO WORK!

AND HAVE ONE OF OUR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS COME UP HERE IMMEDIATELY!

I JUST GOT A GREAT IDEA!



AND SO...

THAT'S IT! TAKE A LOT OF SHOTS OF ME, HERE IN THE RUINS OF BATTLE!

IT'LL MAKE A GREAT FRONT-PAGE STORY! "FEARLESS, COURAGEOUS PUBLISHER SAVES HIS EMPLOYEES FROM DEADLY COSTUMED KILLERS!"

I'LL BE A HERO!



MAKE SURE THESE PICTURES DO ME JUSTICE! GET MY COURAGEOUS EXPRESSION... MY DETERMINED, FIGHTING STANCE... MY IRON FISTS, CLENCHED AND READY!



WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF THE SCORPION DEFEATS SPIDER-MAN?

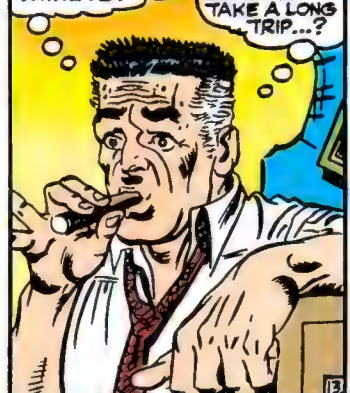
HE'LL PROBABLY RETURN HERE TO ATTACK JAMESON AGAIN!

ULP!



I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! IF SPIDER-MAN SHOULD LOSE, MY LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER EVERY MINUTE!

I WONDER IF IT'S TIME FOR FEARLESS JONAH TO TAKE A LONG TRIP...?



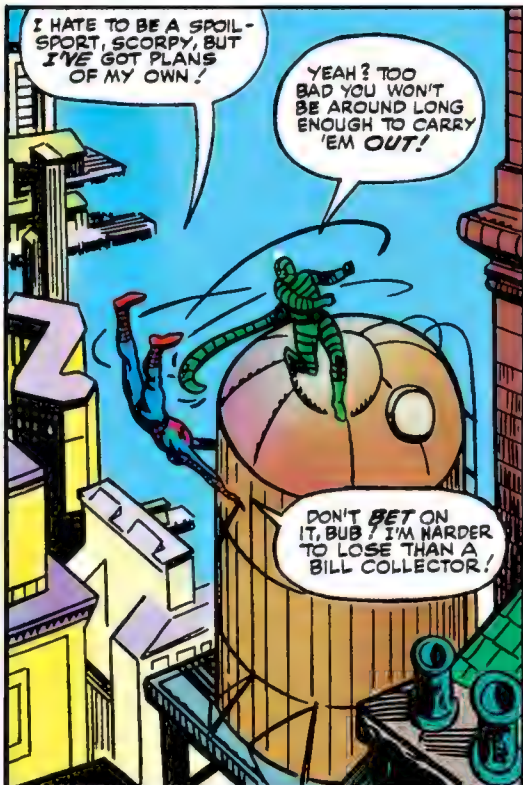
MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE THE CITY'S TOWERING ROOF-TOPS, THE ONE MAN WHOM JAMESON HATES THE MOST IN ALL THE WORLD, BATTLES VALIANTLY AGAINST THE DEADLY, MERCILESS SCORPION...



A Spider-Man in his iconic red and blue suit is shown in mid-air, attacking a large, green, mummy-like figure (Scorpion) who is crouched on a rooftop. Spider-Man is using his web to strike Scorpion. The background shows a city skyline with various buildings.

AFTER TODAY YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND YOURSELF A NEW SPARRING PARTNER, SCORP!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE! ONCE I FINISH YOU, I'LL-- ? OOF!/?



Spider-Man is shown in mid-air, attacking Scorpion. Scorpion is crouched on a rooftop, and Spider-Man is using his web to strike him. The background shows a city skyline with various buildings.

I HATE TO BE A SPOIL-SPORT, SCORPY, BUT I'VE GOT PLANS OF MY OWN!

YEAH? TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO CARRY 'EM OUT!

DON'T BET ON IT, BUB! I'M HARDER TO LOSE THAN A BILL COLLECTOR!



Spider-Man is shown in mid-air, attacking Scorpion. Scorpion is crouched on a rooftop, and Spider-Man is using his web to strike him. The background shows a city skyline with various buildings.

I'M NOT AIMING TO LOSE YOU, BIG MOUTH! I'M JUST GONNA SMASH YOU INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK!

GOOD! THERE'S A T.V. SHOW ON THEN THAT I'VE BEEN DYING TO SEE!

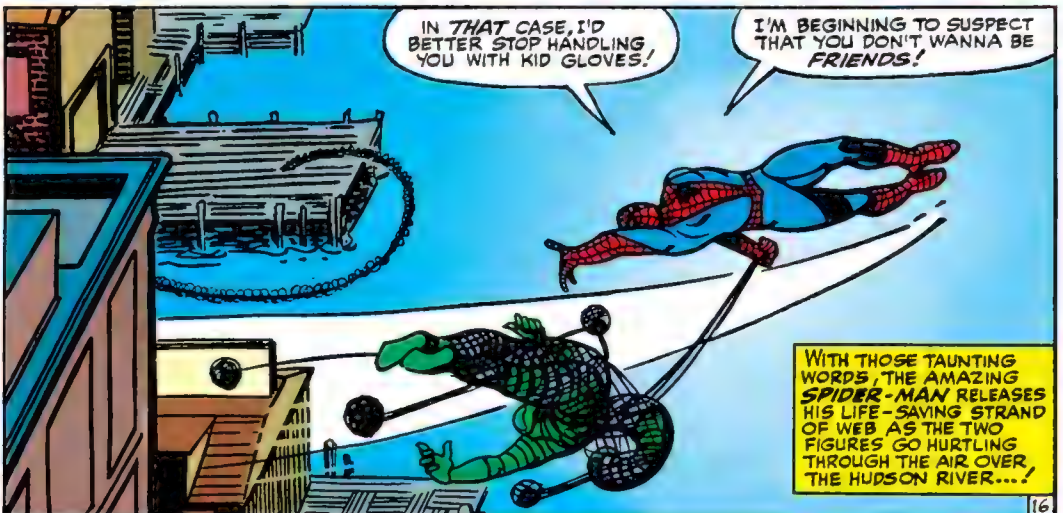
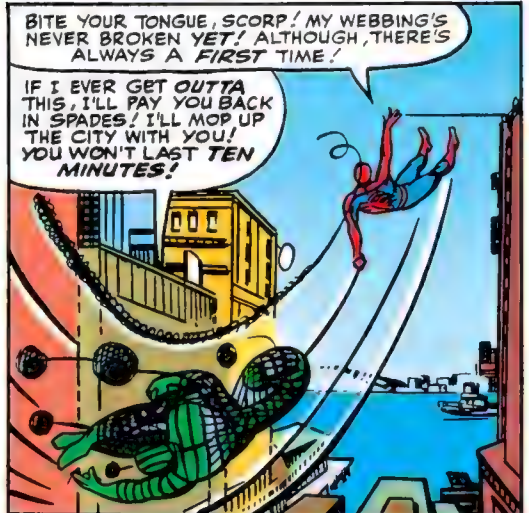
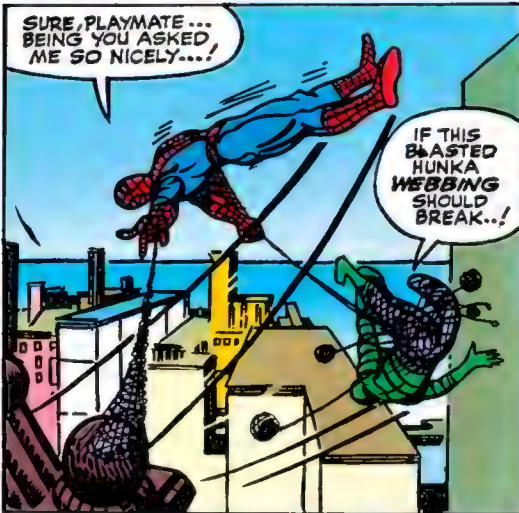
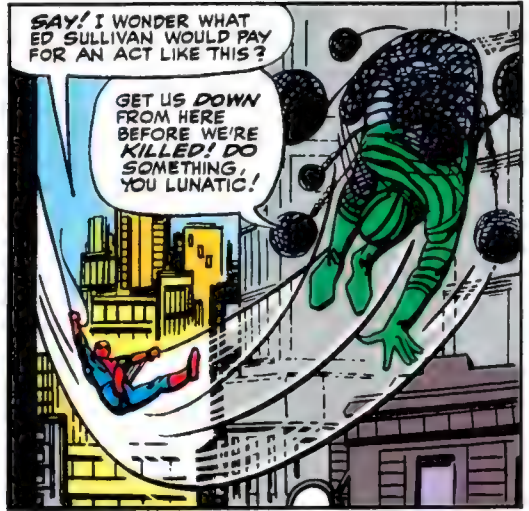


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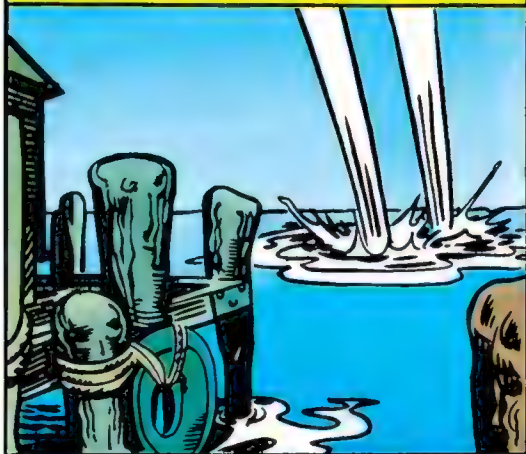
WHAT'S HOLDIN' YOU UP?? ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE HAD BRAINS ENOUGH TO FALL ON HIS FACE BY NOW!

AND RUIN THIS HANDSOME PROFILE OF MINE? FORGET IT! BESIDES, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET UP AT BAT NOW!





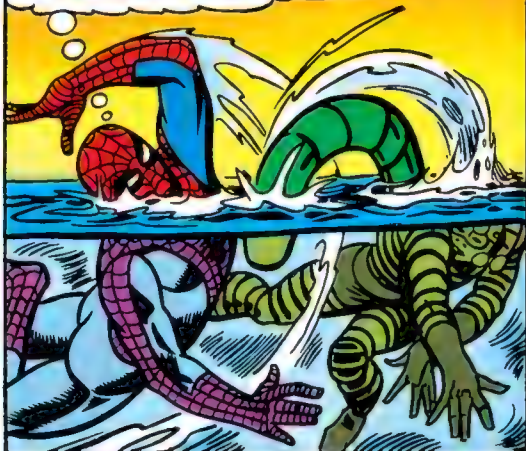
AND THEN, LIKE TWO CAREENING HUMAN METEORS, THE TWO SUPER-POWERED ANTAGONISTS PLUMMET INTO THE WATER BELOW ...!



HE HAD A CHANCE TO FREE HIMSELF OF MY WEBBING! BUT, IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, IT'S TOO LATE FOR ANYTHING TO HELP HIM NOW!



EVEN IN THE WATER, MY NATURAL AGILITY MAKES IT EASY TO DODGE HIS POUNDING TAIL!



AND, WHILE HE WASTES HIS TIME THRASHING AROUND, I'LL RELOAD MY WEB-SHOOTER AND PUT MY OWN PLAN OF ATTACK INTO EFFECT!



LUCKY I ORIGINALLY MADE IT WATER-PROOF!

EVERYTHING'S SET NOW! HERE'S WHERE OL' SPIDEY GOES TO WORK TO SQUASH A SCORPION!

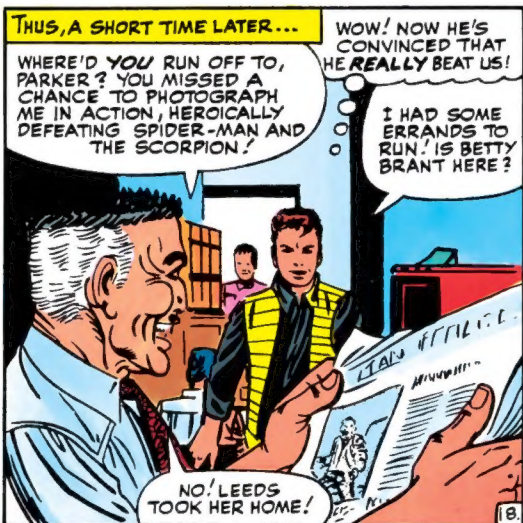
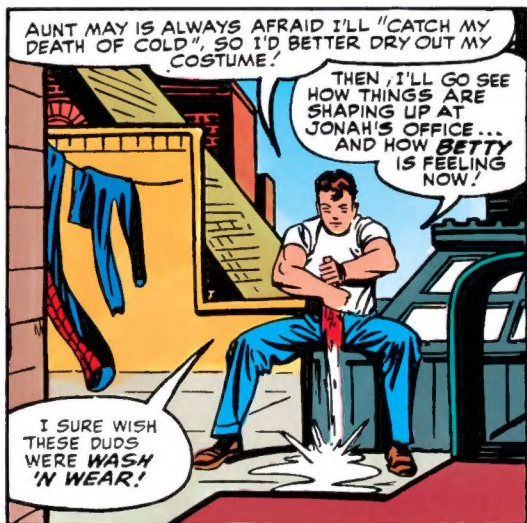
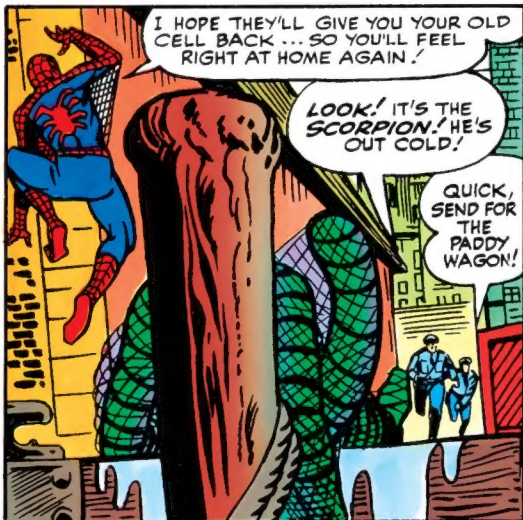
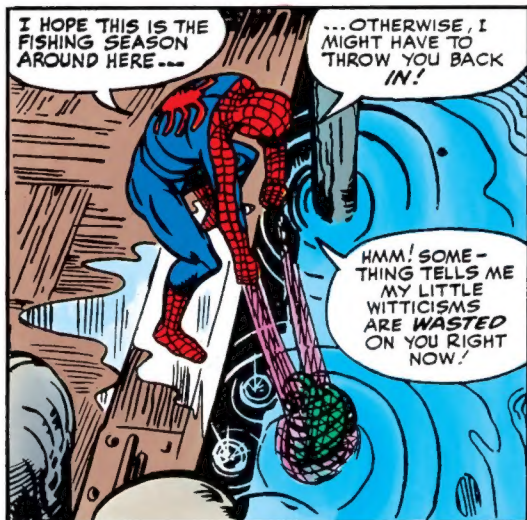
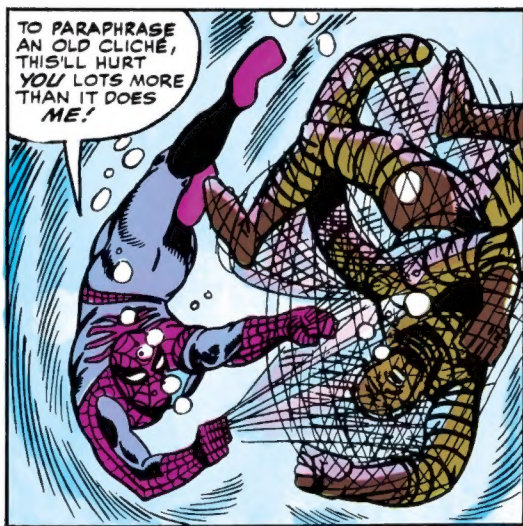
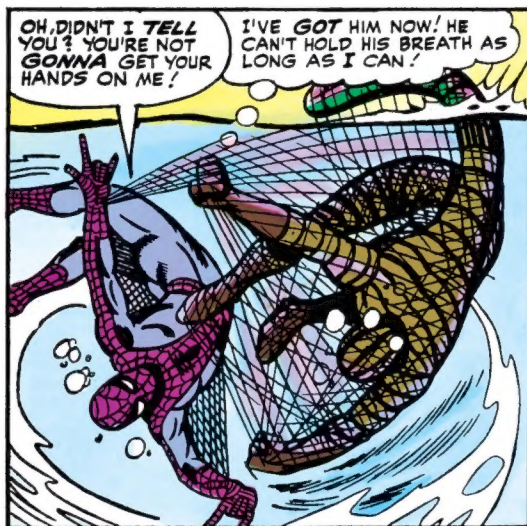


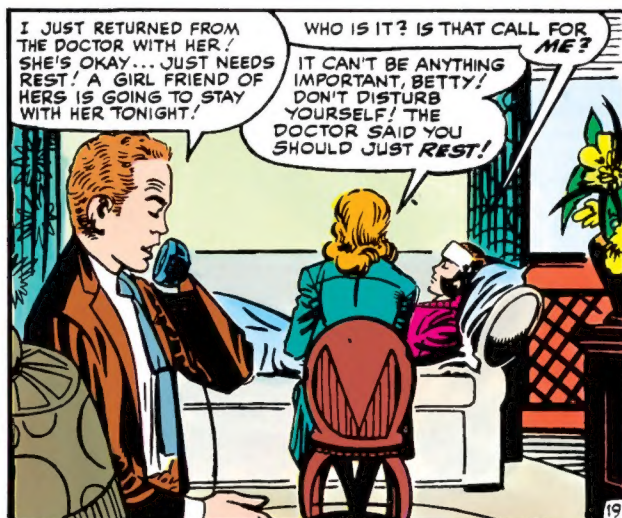
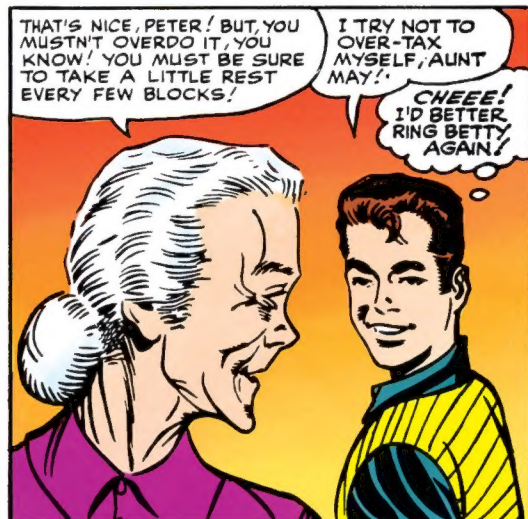
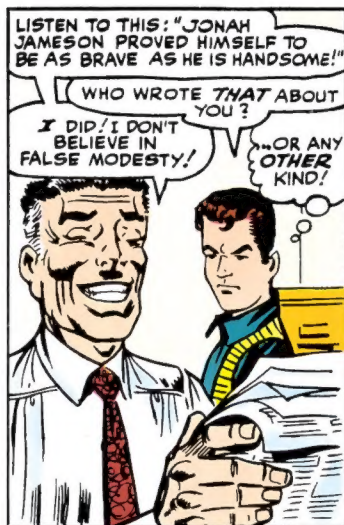
IF YOU WANT ME, SCORPY, COME'N GET ME!

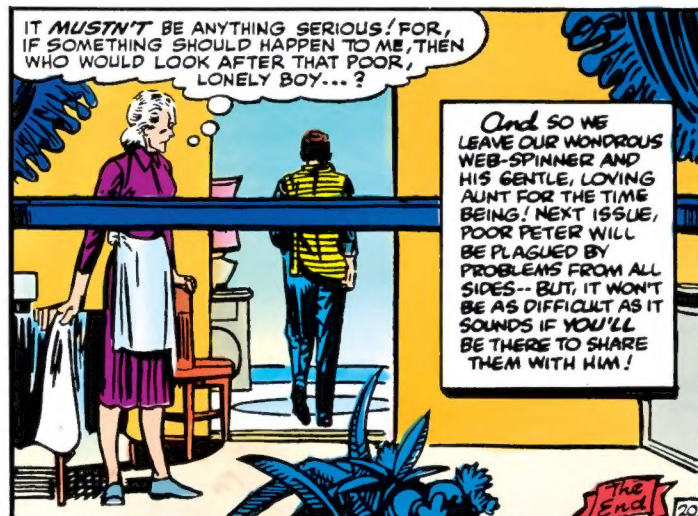
DON'T LET MY WEBBING BOTHER YOU! I JUST WANNA WRAP IT AROUND YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET LOST!

JUST WAIT! WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON YOU...!











Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE